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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: ACTIVITIES OF THE SEBASTIAN ACEVEDO MOVEMENT
AGAINST TORTURE

DOI: [REDACTED] NOVEMBER 1987 - [REDACTED] JANUARY 1988

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TEXT: 1. THE DEMONSTRATION AT THE 25 NOVEMBER 1987 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMEMORATORY MASS WAS CONSIDERED A SUCCESS BY THE DEMONSTRATION'S ORGANIZERS. APPROXIMATELY 200-300 DEMONSTRATORS TOOK PART INCLUDING THE MOTHERS OF THE FIVE COMMUNIST YOUTH (JJCC) MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE SEPTEMBER. ONE OF THE MOTHERS WAS ABLE TO ENTER THE CHURCH AT ONE POINT DURING THE MASS, HOLDING A PLACARD WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF HER SON, AND WAS NOTICED BY MASS ATTENDEES. SINCE THIS PROTEST ACHIEVED THE ORGANIZER'S GOALS, NO FOLLOW-ON MARCH THROUGH THE CITY WAS HELD.

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2. ONE GROUP WHICH HAD A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PROTEST WAS THE SEBASTIAN ACEVEDO MOVEMENT AGAINST TORTURE (MOVIMIENTO CONTRA LA TORTURA - SEBASTIAN ACEVEDO) (SAMAT). SAMAT IS A NON-VIOLENT SOCIAL ACTION GROUP WITH AN ECUMENICAL ORIENTATION. ALTHOUGH SAMAT DOES NOT AFFILIATE ITSELF WITH A PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS GROUP, ITS TWO MAIN LEADERS, WHO ARE ALSO THE FOUNDERS OF THE GROUP, ARE CATHOLIC PRIESTS JOSE ((ALDUNATE)) AND MARIANO ((PUGA)).

COMMENT: BOTH OF THESE PRIESTS ARE WELL-KNOWN RADICALS.

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3. SAMAT ORGANIZES PROTESTS AGAINST THE USE OF TORTURE BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT (GOC) AND HAS THE CAPABILITY TO MOBILIZE 100-300 PEOPLE ON ONE DAY'S NOTICE. BESIDES ITS RECENT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE MISSING JJCC MEMBERS, THE GROUP HAS PROTESTED THE MISTREATMENT OF KAREN ((EITEL)) WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED BY THE GOC SECURITY FORCES IN RELATION TO THE KIDNAPPING OF ARMY LTC. CARLOS ((CARENO)) BY THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT.

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